NACA News Update - August 2016

NACA EVENTS AT THE 2016 ICMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Below is the schedule of all NACA events and member-led sessions at September's 2016 ICMA Annual Conference in Kansas City.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Executive Board Meeting	Sunday, September 25	8:30 to 11:00 a.m.	**Kansas City Marriott:** *Room Julia Lee AB*
NACA General Membership and Idea Exchange	Sunday, September 25	12:45 to 2:45 p.m.	**Kansas City Convention Center:** *Room 2502B*

Educational Session: How Counties Promote Regional Economic Development; Monday, September 26, from 12:45 - 2:00 p.m.

Educational Session: The Cookingham Legacy and the Future of the Profession; Monday, September 26, from 12:45 - 2:00 p.m.

Roundtable Discussion: Addressing the Mental and Public Health Issues of Incarcerated Populations; Tuesday, September 27, from 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

Click here for event descriptions. Register online for the 2016 ICMA Annual Conference. The best registration rate is available through Thursday, August 25.

CALL FOR IDEA EXCHANGE TOPICS!

Submit topics you think should be discussed during the Idea Exchange on September 25, at the 2016 ICMA Annual Conference. Email us at NACA@icma.orgor tweet us @NACA_ICMA. Please submit your ideas by September 19.

NACA HONORS THE LONGTIME SERVICE OF PAST PRESIDENT TOM LUNDY

Following the recent retirement of Tom Lundy, County Administrator of Catawba County, North Carolina, the NACA board voted unanimously to honor his years of service to the profession by naming the NACA scholarship to the ICMA Annual Conference, offered with generous support from ICMA-RC, the Tom Lundy NACA Scholarship. Tom Lundy is a past president of both NACA and ICMA, is the current Chair of the ICMA-RC Board of Directors, and has held many other positions supporting local government. Click here to view an article featuring Tom Lundy's service to his community and the profession.

RECAP: NACA EVENTS AT THE 2016 NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

- ***Technology Innovation Summit:*** Hannes Zacharias, County Administrator, Johnson County, Kansas, and NACA Regional Vice President for the Mountain Plains Region. He spoke candidly and offered helpful insights about cyber security at the NACo Annual Conference in Los Angeles County/Long Beach, California, during the second day of the summit. A key takeaway was his call for honesty and transparency when faced with cyberattacks as a means for collaboration and the advancement of cybersecurity.
- ***Managing the Relationship between County Administrators and County Attorneys:*** This NACA-sponsored session drew a standing room only turnout. Panelist Peter Austin, NACA President and County Administrator of McHenry County, Illinois, and fellow presenters emphasized that fostering a strong, collaborative relationship among officials in local government is essential.
- ***The County-Tribal Relations:*** This NACA-sponsored workshop, [featured here on NACo's website,](#) garnered immense interest and set a precedent for future events on the topic. During Q & A, audience members openly thanked NACA and NACo for including it on the educational program.
- ***The NACA Idea Exchange:*** A summary of this lively discussion among county professionals can be found [here](#).

WELCOME eCIVIS, THE NEWEST FRIEND OF NACA

[eCivis](#) is the leading cloud-based grant management system in the nation for local governments. Government entities rely on eCivis to identify appropriate grants, submit competitive applications, and efficiently manage awards while dramatically reducing their administrative costs. eCivis assists them by providing a comprehensive grants database, training resources, and reporting tools for compliance and transparency, in addition to expert capacity building training.

NACo LAUNCHES NEW SolSmart COUNTY CHALLENGE

The [SolSmart County Challenge](#) is a new component of the recently-launched [SolSmart](#) program and is running for five weeks, from Monday, August 8, through Friday, September 9. Counties can join the challenge by completing the SolSmart designation scorecard during this five-week period. The two counties with the highest scores will be declared winners and will receive national recognition and other [special prizes](#)!

CYBERSECURITY: DEVELOPING THREATS

A new ransomware variant is beginning to target state and local governments. This new ransomware is targeting through email, but with links leading to sites that appear legitimate instead of the usual direct attachments. Once an individual accesses the site, they are misled into activating malicious ransomware. Read more about this new threat [here.](#)

NACA's SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE EXPANDING

Over the past few months, NACA's [Twitter](#) account has tripled its followers and its [Facebook](#) traffic has increased dramatically as well, seeing a 317% increase in

post reach and a 1,103% increase in post engagement over the past month. Help us continue growing our presence on social media and **connect with NACA on [Twitter](#)and [Facebook](#)!**